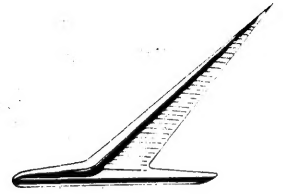


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Monthly Newsletter of THE FALCON CLUB OF AMERICA

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#### THIRD ANNUAL NATIONAL MEET — AUGUST 13-14, 1982 / MEMPHIS, TN

**Note to All Members:** The club will send out notices to each member the month before their membership expires. Be sure to send your renewal in early to retain your original membership number. If a member does not renew one's membership within 90 days after it has expired, the membership number will be placed in the inactive file and will no longer be used by the club.

#### The Club Store Items:

Memo Pad (Falcon Club of America printed on them)	.50
Key Chain (Falcon Club of America, Red on White)	.50
Hat (Red or Blue, please specify)	5.00
Decal (National Club window decal)	1.00
T-Shirt (Children S-M-L, Adult S-M-L-XL)	5.50
Patches: National Club patch (3" round)	2.00
Ford Falcon (Oval, Blue and Gold)	2.00
Falcon (Rectangular, 2" x 4", Red & Gold)	2.00

All prices include postage. All checks and money orders should be made to The Falcon Club of America. Send all orders to Pat Sword, Tour Chairman, 629 N. Hospital Drive, Jacksonville, AR, 72076.



## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE:

THIS WILL BE THE LAST NEWSLETTER BEFORE THE 3RD MEET. SURE HOPE TO SEE A GREAT TURNOUT AT MEMPHIS! I AM LOOKING FORWARD TO A FALCON FUN FILLED WEEKEND!

THE CLUB NOW HAS OVER 1000 PAID UP MEMBERS. WE ARE NOW UP TO AROUND MEMBER NUMBER 1200. THAT IS ABOUT AN 83% RENEWAL RATE. I BELIEVE THIS TO BE VERY OUTSTANDING. IF WE KEEP GROWING AT THIS RATE, WHAT WILL WE BE LIKE IN TEN YEARS? WE HAVE AVERAGED ABOUT 400 MEMBERS A YEAR FOR THE PAST THREE YEARS.

HOPING TO SEE ALL OF YOU AT MEMPHIS!

PRESIDENT ROY SWORD

## COVER PHOTOS:

1964 FUTURA CONVERTIBLE: ED HAYWOOD OF OREGON CITY, OREGON.

1963 SPRINT CONVERTIBLE: RESTORATION IN PROGRESS BY LOUIE IRONSIDE, SEE ARTICLE ABOUT MEMBERS.

## FROM THE EDITOR:

AS YOU CAN SEE, WE HAVE OUR NEW TYPEWRITER. IT ALMOST NEEDS A COMPUTER TO RUN. I WISH I HAD THE TIME TO USE IT CORRECTLY. IT HAS THE CAPABILITY TO MAKE STRAIGHT RIGHT MARGINS BUT IT HAS TO BE COMPUTED MANUALLY. WE ARE CLOSE TO GETTING THE FN CAUGHT UP BUT THE NEXT ISSUE WILL BE LATE AS TO CONVENTION NEWS AND MY VACATION. WE ARE PLANNING A LOT OF PICTURE COVERAGE.

KEEP THE PICTURES COMING! I STILL NEED YOUR FALCON PICTURES. I AM RECEIVING LOTS OF ARTICLES WHICH I GREATLY APPRECIATE. THANK ALL OF YOU WHO HAVE TAKEN THE TIME. I'M SORRY I DON'T HAVE THE TIME ANY MORE TO ANSWER EACH OF YOU INDIVIDUALLY. SHOULD YOU BE SO KIND AND SEND ME YOUR ARTICLE DO NOT EXPECT US TO BE ABLE TO PRINT A PICTURE TAKEN FROM A MAGAZINE OR NEWSPAPER ARTICLE. THE PRINTER CANNOT COPY SUCH PHOTOS. WE HAVE TO HAVE CLEAR BLACK AND

ORIGINAL PHOTOS. TO REPRINT PHOTOS FROM MAGAZINES AND NEWSPAPERS ONE MUST TAKE A PHOTO OF THE PHOTO. OUR PRINTER CANNOT DO THIS AND WE DON'T HAVE THE RESOURCES TO DO SO. PLEASE, SEND THE ARTICLES AND WE WILL DO THE BEST WE CAN.

WE REALLY NEED MORE TIPS AND EVERYONE SEEMS TO REALLY LIKE THEM. IF YOU HAVE A TIP OR TIPS, GRAB A PENCIL AND PAPER AND FIRE IT OFF TO US. WE WILL REALLY APPRECIATE IT!

THE 3RD ANNUAL MEET IS HERE NOW. I HOPE YOU ALL ENJOY IT AS I KNOW THE DIXIELAND CHAPTER WILL TREAT YOU RIGHT. IF YOU ENJOY THE MEET LET THE DIXIELAND PEOPLE KNOW ABOUT IT. EVERYONE APPRECIATES KNOWING THEY HAVE DONE A GOOD JOB AND FROM WHAT I'VE SEEN THE CHAPTER DESERVES A REAL PAT ON THE BACK!

PRESIDENT ROY HAS RELEASED SOME VERY NICE FIGURES ABOUT THE MEMBERSHIP. IF YOU KNOW OF A FORMER MEMBER WHO IS STILL INTERESTED IN FALCONS BUT FOR SOME REASON IS OUT OF THE CLUB DROP ME A LINE AND I WILL MAIL HIM OR HER A FN TO SHOW THEM WHAT WE NOW HAVE TO OFFER. I HOPE YOU ALL WILL LIKE OUR NEW PARTING OUT SECTION IN THE ADS. I THINK IT WILL AD A NEW DIMENSION TO WHAT WE CAN RUN IN THE WAY OF AN AD. IF YOU DON'T LIKE IT LET ME KNOW TOO.

RAY

## MEMBER:

THIS MONTH YOU ARE GOING TO MEET THE MAN BEHIND ALL THOSE GREAT TIPS WE HAVE RECEIVED, AND YOU WILL KNOW WHY THAT MAN KNOWS ALL THOSE GREAT TIPS.

HIS CARD READS:

Ford

Louis J. Ironside  
Ph (313) 798-8803

366 Westwinds

Almont, MI 48003

Collectors of:

Model A's	Ford Items
1932 Fords	Automotive Signs
Woodie Wagons	License Plates
32/33 Falcons	Coca-Cola Items
Early Mustangs	Toy Cars
Old Gas Pumps	Rare Books

THAT CARE TELLS YOU A LOT ABOUT THE MAN. HERE IS MORE.

I WORK FOR THE CHEVROLET ENGINEERING CENTER AND HAVE MY OWN BUSINESS ON THE SIDE OF RESTORING CARS. I HAVE A 90% RESTORED 1962 SQUIRE WAGON THAT I TAKE TO SWAP MEETS AND USE AS MY PARTS CHALER CAR.

AS YOU HAVE GUESSED I AM A TOTAL CAR LOVER AND CURRENTLY OWN: 1932 Ford Sport Coupe, 1932 Ford 2dr sedan, 1932 Ford Woodie wagon, 1962 Falcon Squire wagon, 1934 Buick Skylark convertible, 1963 Mustang coupe, 1972 Buick Skylark convertible. ALL OF THESE ARE RESTORED AND AVERAGE 90 POINTS ON THE JUDGE'S SCALE. I HAVE OWNED FIVE 1933 FALCON CONVERTIBLES AND WILL PROBABLY OWN ANOTHER ONE SOMEDAY. RIGHT NOW I AM INTO BUICK CONVERTIBLES. THE SPRINT CONVERTIBLE IN THE PHOTO WAS PURCHASED BEFORE I FINISHED IT. THE FELLOW WHO BOUGHT IT WILL HAVE IT FINISHED IN A MONTH, I HAD PLANNED ON ANOTHER YEAR TO FINISH IT.

THANKS, LOUIS, FOR SHARING WITH US. I GREATLY APPRECIATE YOUR TIPS. IF ANY OF YOU MEMBERS HAVE THE TIME DROP LOUIS A CARD THANKING HIM FOR HIS TIPS. RAY

UP DATE:

MEMPHIS, TN. FALCON CLUB OF AMERICA NATIONAL MEET. AUGUST 13-14, DOBBS FORD/RAMADA INN, 2490 MORIAH ROAD, FOR INFORMATION: FLEMING HORNE, JR, 7645 MEMPHIS-ARLINGTON ROAD, MEMPHIS, TN, 38134, (901) 386-5894.

DEARBORN, MI, SUPER FORD STREET MACHINE NATIONALS. HYATT REGENCY, AUGUST 19, 20, 21. FALCONS WELCOME. FOR INFORMATION: SUPER FORD MAGAZINE, 188 OVID STREET, SENECA FALLS,

NEW YORK 13148 (315) 538-2011

BURLINGTON, VT. NORTH-EAST MINI-MEET. AUGUST 29. FOR INFORMATION: HOWARD STEARNS, 4 FAITH STREET, BURLINGTON, VT, 05401 (302) 658-2540

COLORADO SPRINGS, CO. 1ST GET-TOGETHER, for entire state. FOR INFORMATION: CARL MacDONALD, 1450 HONCHIE DR, APT 2, COLORADO SPRINGS (303) 591-2452 or in DENVER call RAY at 986-8932. MEET WILL BE IN COLORADO SPRINGS AUGUST 29.

CHAPTER NEWS:

DUNDAS CHAPTER HAD NO MEET THIS MONTH IN ORDER TO PREPARE FOR THE NATIONAL MEET. SEE YOU THERE!

FORMATION MEETING IN COLORADO SPRINGS, COLORADO, FOR POSSIBLE COLORADO CHAPTER ??? SEE UPDATE SECTION.

PROJECTS:

FALCON LITERATURE PROJECT: LIST ANY PUBLICATIONS THAT HAVE FALCON ARTICLES ON A 3 X 5 CARD AS FOLLOWS:

PUBLISHER	ISSUE
TITLE OF ARTICLE	PAGE #
MODEL OF FALCON	YEAR OF CAR
SUBMITTED BY:	
YOUR FCA NUMBER	

SEND TO: DAVID HUTCHINSON, 1310 WEST FLORENCE, SPRINGFIELD, MO, 65803. A COMPUTER LISTING WILL BE AVAILABLE AT A LATER DATE FOR A NOMINAL FEE.

FALCON CALENDAR. DO NOT SEND ANY MATERIALS AT THE TIME. WILL WANT 35MM BLACK AND WHITE NEGATIVES TO BE USED TO PRODUCE A FALCON CALENDAR. NEED AT LEAST ONE BODY STYLE FROM EACH YEAR AND CANADIAN FRONTENACS. FOR INFORMATION: C. ROBERTS, PO BOX 30914, GAINNA, OH, 43230

QUESTION:

DOES ANY MEMBER HAVE A CURE FOR THE SMALL RUSTED OUT SPRING THAT

**HOLDS THE COVER DOWN ON THE TRUNK LOCK OF '63 FALCONS?** Write Harold McLean, 1480 Nora Dr., Tallahassee, FL, 32304.

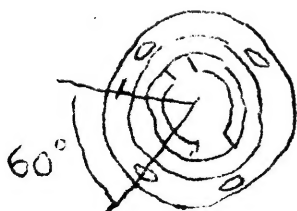
#### TIPS:

Mustang door handles that are identical to the 63 1/2 hardtop: '65-66 and '69-70. These are available from most Mustang suppliers and are reasonable at \$9 to \$10. Robert Neill, Pulaski, NY

Six cylinder problem? Tired and old? Don't rebuild, replace. You have a friend at your local Ford dealer in the parts department. They will sell you a complete rebuilt 6 cyl. I paid \$375 in January of this year. It comes with a 12 month or 12,000 mi warranty. Barby Brunken, Dallas, TX.

More on the semi-gloss interior colors: the flattening agent works very well but I have another technique that works well, I think it duplicates the factory procedure: Spray the areas with acrylic lacquer with a very fast thinner. The result will be a semi-gloss finish of uniform appearance. An incidental benefit is almost instantaneous drying, that is, you can reinstall the instruments, knobs, etc. immediately after you clean the gun! Another helpful hint: I have successfully adapted the rubber trim for the quarter glass on my '63 convertible from the easily obtainable Mustang pieces. It is necessary to use the left Mustang on the right of the Falcon and vice-versa. The rubber requires a bit of razor blade trimming, but works very well. Harold McLean, Tallahassee, FL.

Can't find a gas cap for your '60-63? You can replace those lost, strayed, or stolen caps with a FOMOCO look-alike, with a little work. Remove the four screws that hold the gas cap flange to the back panel and remove the flange, drill four holes in the flange 60° CW from the existing holes. Replace flange and screws. Gas cap is part number B7UZ 9030L. The price is \$9.30 list.



Danny Williams

#### CARS FOR SALE:

The following are from local newspapers in the Grass Valley, CA, area. From Jack Edward. '61 Ranchero. Take trade. Good runner, real clean. \$1,895.00. (916) 273-8333. '67 Ranchero, extra nice \$1,695.00. Courtesy Auto (916) 786-5626. '61 Ranchero needs work. \$350.00. (916) 969-5774. '63 Sprint \$700.00 OBO (916) 362-9390. '63 Falcon, runs well \$550.00 OBO (916) 331-2806.

'63 1/2 Sprint hardtop, 302 V8, 4 speed, nice dash pad, front bucket seats were recently redone, new carpeting, good sun visors, body is fairly straight, no rust, good glass, body has original red paint with black interior. \$1,300.00 as is. Also have nice set of front and rear bumpers, new grille, new headlight rims, new Sprint gas cap, 2 new window crank handles, new headliner, have a nice set of taillight rims and a pair of new lens, also have an extra Sprint steering wheel will sell car with these parts for \$1,600.00 OBO. The reason for selling is that I just have too many projects. Frank Golisch, 1509 Luray Street, Long Beach, CA 90807 (213) 422-3484.

'62 Falcon body, complete with chrome parts etc.. No engine or transmission. \$500.00 or offer. Travis E. DonBullian, 7-D Ridge Road, Greenbelt, MD, 20770.

#### PARTS FOR SALE:

Front and rear seat upholstery from a '64 convertible. Black. Front fair, back is perfect. \$75.00 or trade for '64 parts. David Cadaro, 505 W. Jefferson, Bloomfield, Iowa, 52527, (515) 664-2349

Fordomatic 2-speed rebuilding kits with gaskets, o-rings, lip seals, sealing rings, clutches (Bronze frictions, steels) front and rear seals \$42.00. Specify engine size and year. bands \$18.00 each, modulator \$3.00, adjustable modulator \$6.00, bushings, washers, pumps and misc. hard parts available. Kits, bands and parts available for small, medium case, C-4 and C-6. David Edwards, Box 245-FC, Needham Hgts., MA 02194 (617) 449-2065 evenings.

1960-63 Falcon shop manual: new full size reprint of 1960-63 Falcon shop manual plus 1963 supplement and includes V8 260/289

section. Full coverage top quality reprint. 211 pages of Falcon data including specs. \$29.95 UPS postpaid 48 states. NOS parts: '66-70 gas tank (all except Ranchero, wagon) \$80.00; '66 gas tank, Ranchero \$100.00; '63-65 front spindle (V8) (LH & RH) \$75.00 ea.; '68 muffler \$35.00; '63-64 steering idler arm and bushing kit (V8 w/ps) \$38.00; '60-62 gas cap \$15.00; '62 air conditioner dryer assy (V8 mounts on condenser) \$50.00; '60 trunk lid ornament \$25.00; '60-62 wiper motor, electric, single speed \$28.50; same 2-speed \$48.50; '60-61 headlight switch \$14.50; '60-61 taillight lens (w/BU) \$5.50 ea.; '63 taillight lens \$5.50 ea.; '64 tail light lens \$7.50 ea.; '65 tail light lens \$7.50 ea.; '66 tail light lens \$8.50 ea.; '67 tail light lens \$15.00 ea.; '68-70 tail light lens \$18.50 ea.; '60-64 front control arm assy (includes ball joint) 2 required, \$45.00 ea.; '60 flywheel ring gear \$25.00; '66-67 flywheel gear (straight drive 9" clutch) \$35.00; '60-64 flywheel & clutch housing (2-spd) 3 cyl \$85.00. Please add 10% for UPS. OBSOLETE FORD PARTS CO. "The Old Reliable", Box 787, Nashville, GA, 31329 (912) 386-5101

NOS 1962-65 Falcon and Ranchero seat covers. Factory original upholstery for show quality restoration. Seat covers are factory sewn or fabricated using original NOS materials. All 1962 covers are complete with chrome emblem or embossments. 1964 seat covers may or may not contain chrome emblem and embossment. Satisfaction guaranteed.

1962-64 Falcon w/ buckets..... \$240 set

1962-64 Falcon w/bench..... \$300 set

1962-64 Falcon vinyl and cloth,

lowline models..... \$200 set

1962 Station wagon w/buckets..... \$325 set

1963-64 Station wagon w/bench..... \$285 set

1962-63 Ranchero w/steerhead..... \$135 set

1962-63 Station wagon w/ steerhead \$150 set

1962-64 Convertible top wells..... \$40

1963-64 Boot bags..... \$15

1965 Inquire

A complete set includes front and rear seat covers when applicable. With all inquires specify bench or bucket seats, body style, trim number, or color required.

TE AUTO INTERIORS 7869 Trumble Road, St. Clair, MI, 48079, (313) 727-2486

#### PARTING OUT:

'68 Comet 2dr HT, 260 V8, runs, \$150 for engine; quarter panels, doors, glass, etc.,

'62 Falcon 4dr (from TX), rust free rear clip \$150.00; clean doors \$20.00ea.; '63 Falcon HT, '65 Falcon 2dr sd. many used parts avail. from above cars. Heaters, suspension parts, glass, some sheet metal, shipping avail. on smaller items. Reasonable prices. Please send SASE to John C. Kliminski, 20 Carlson Parkway, Cedar Grove, NJ, 07009 or (201) 253-2532 or (201) 253-2932 (Pete) between 6 and 8 PM (EDST). Can deliver to Memphis.

Parts for '65 2dr HT. Larry Chastain, Rt 1, Box 511-C, Leander, TX, 78641, (512) 267-2868 (no collect)

'65 4dr parts. All doors w/good glass \$10.00 ea.; windshield and rear glass \$20.00ea.; plus few other parts such as grille, bumpers, etc. Make an offer. Leslie Williams, PO Box 401, Bradley, IL, 60915 (315) 923-2337

'65 Sprint HT. Have all outside body parts and they are in good condition. No dents of any kind. I have all parts and accessories except for the bucket seats, motor, and inside chrome pieces. For more information contact: Randy Shirley, 20921 Bradshaw Rd E-1, Little Rock, AR., 72206, (501) 880-3635 or (501) 796-2394.

#### PARTS WANTED:

For '68 Convert. NOS left and right 1/4 panels, 2 dr quarters OK too. Used parts wanted: front and rear bumpers in excellent condition or NOS. Complete tachometer or just base, top booth, Sprint V8 emblem, for front fender. Gus Bessaules, 8 South Broad Street, Pawcatuck, CT, 06379 (203) 599-2141. I am still looking for an excellent original rust free 63 1/2 Sprint convertible V8, 4 speed!

For '64: C4E2-3524-A input shaft steering gear rack and worm. Michael Bianchi, 2209 Bromfield, Wichita, KS, 67226 (316) 689-8478

For '65 Sedan Del., 2 outside mirrors, grille ornament, spare tire bracket, nut, jack to fit well. Very good to NOS condition. Will pay fair price or trade parts. Gary Graves, 262 S. Worc. St., Norton, MA, 02766. Home (617) 285-7735, work (617) 699-1161



For '64 convertible: Front bench seat. Skip Goddard, 2625 West Virginia, Tucson, AZ, 85706.

For Ranchero: "Steerhide" print vinyl. Need only a few yards. Jack Edward, 11171 Old Pond Lane, Grass Valley, CA, 95945 (916) 268-0202

For '65: Grillecrest, must be NOS or mint. Dash pad, NOS or mint. Floor hump for 4-speed trans. 63, 4, 5. For '62 convertible: front and rear door upholstery and rear silver portion where the window crank goes. Red only. For '64 Fairlane: black dash pad. Jim Lyle, PO Box 983, Warner Robins, GA, 31099

For '68 1/2 Sprint (blue). NOS dash pad or one good enough to dye. NOS Seat covers for front. Complete A/C unit. Fred Capellas, 1890-8th Ave., Sacto, CA, 95818.

For '67: Both fenders plus both quarter panels, both quarter panel wheel well moldings. NOS preferred. C.A. Hitchcock, 325 Edgebrook Drive, Boylston, MA, 01505, (617) 869-6886 anytime during the day.

For '68 4 dr sd: rear window, weather stripping, driver's mirror, rear view mirror. Larry Ingce, 3831 S.W. 21 Street, Miami, FL, 33135

For '68 Futura: desperately need chrome-like material that goes on inside door panels. Also trunk mat or material. Call collect or write: Angelo Calcagni, Deer Run Trail, Smithfield, RI, 02917 (401) 281-4218.

For '68 Convert: any red interior panels. Sprint chrome rocker panel moulding on right side. Ray Roberts, 12272 West Atlantic Drive, Lakewood, CO, 80228 (303) 986-8932.

For '65: Grille emblem. Ecker Helms, 3016 HWY 45 N, Corinth, MS, 38834 287-3668

#### AD INFORMATION:

Send all ads to Editor, 12272 W. Atlantic Drive, Lakewood, Colorado, 80228. If you send them to Arkansas the time delay will usually miss the next issue. Please, if you are sending more than one type of ad per letter, put each ad on a single sheet of paper. The method of filing the ads is to file each

ad under the ad heading. If you have more than one ad per page it is filed under the first heading and then follows the ad sequence thru the rest of the files. If you ad fails to appear it probably got emptied in the run thru the files or may be in the next month's FII as the grouping was already typed. Not the best system but the only one I have.

Again, any address changes or problems are to be sent to President Roy Sword, FCA, 629 N. Hospital Drive, Jacksonville, AL, 72073.

#### OF INTEREST?

I am presently selling my collection of original car ads from magazines of the 20's, 40's, 50's, 60's, and 70's. I have virtually all makes and models, many are large 10 1/2 by 15, and color ads suitable for framing. Also included are some rare two page ads, and extremely rare ads showing a picture of all models of a certain company's line for the year. Rather than sell them at flea market shows or to a wholesaler who would resell them at much higher prices I am first offering them to car clubs for their members at wholesale prices. I will also give a quantity discount to clubs if ordered in lots of 25 or more. If you or your members have any interest in these pictures please contact me. Charles E. Franko, 546 Briarwood Road, Glenside, PA, 19038.

#### TIPS FROM THE FALCON CLUB OF SAN DIEGO'S FALCON FEVER

For repairing the 1965 grill emblem: After removing both nuts from the back of the emblem, pull emblem off of the grill. Separate plastic from metal backing. They will come apart! Use paint thinner to remove top paint and then an 800 pad to remove all the remaining paint. Make sure both pieces are clean. My wife used Hydrocal paints to paint the emblem, but ceramic paints may work also. The original emblem is red, white, and blue. After drying I reglued it with Elmers and Super Glue. I let it sit overnight before bolting back on.

Ean Marsteller

Here are the listings for the 1960-1964 Ford cars...body and chassis components. There are two volumes, Text and Illustrations. The price is \$12.00 each. Part numbers:

Text: FPC 7681

Illustration: FFB 7682

These are very nice as they show an exploded view of the vehicle and their related positions to one another.

Gary Huchins

The address to order from is:

Publications Control Supply  
Service Department  
Ford Motor Company  
PO Box 3020  
Livonia, MI, 48151

Thank you FALCON FEVER.

MEMBER:

From an article in THE OUTPOST, July 8, 1982:

Vernon Quinn is retired from a career in the automotive service business, having worked both in mechanical repair and body work.

For the past 20 years he has been a resident of Three Lake Subdivision, which might as well be called "Tidy Town" for the way its homes and yards are kept like each was in the run off for yard-of-the-month.

That's why, when Quinn brought home a wrecked 1962 Falcon Ranchero he felt as though he should hide it from view the best he could, behind some bushes.

Equipped as he was by trade to do the work himself, Quinn turned the "totaled wreck" into a prize winning antique car show entry in just 18 months, doing all the work himself.

In fact it is the second Ranchero he has restored....and the last, he added. This one is for keeping, not selling like the first, and it looks just fine in the driveway now, and no longer needs to be screened from view at all.

Quinn, who retired at the old Eustis Motor Company as service manager some years ago is now a member of the Falcon Club of America, and gets letters from all over the US asking for specs and information on restoring Falcons, especially Rancheros (Rancheros were the compact version of the sporty pick up bed sedans still made one larger frames).

Quinn added a camper top to his Ranchero, and customized it with a cut-out walk through area between the front bucket seats he installed and the camper-equipped back end.

It was recently featured in an edition of Falcon News and has been entered in antique and Falcon shows around Florida and as far away as Hot Springs, Arkansas, and has won a number of awards.

His wife Myrtle helped out, too with curtains for the camper and enthusiasm for the project, and accompanies Quinn to car shows.

Fully customized and complete with air conditioning, CD and tape decks unlike the original 1962 Falcon, it is equally as comfortable to travel in as their much newer family car, adds Quinn.

Next month the couple will head for Memphis in their Candy Apple and white Falcon Ranchero for the third annual Falcon Club show, and more possible prizes for the man who turned his livelihood into a source of fun in retirement.

Ed: I wish we could share the newspaper photos of Vernon's Ranchero. It is beautiful! I hope you enjoy seeing it in Memphis. I hope Vernon takes all the trophies to show you too! Ray Oh yes, thanks too Myrtle! Randy Harrison says the following story is true "with one or two slight exaggerations".

#### THE FALCON

"Ohh! This is a cute little car!" she cooed, crawling into the passenger seat. "I've never seen a Falcon before." (Ed's note: this has to be an exaggeration!)

"I've seen enough for both of us," I said as I started the car.

"You have a lot of Falcons?"

"Yeah, I forget how many. The number changes a lot."

Its hard to keep track of all the Falcons my Dad and I have had. We have either owned

